considered, the question of doing away with the classification of political prisoners, as this classification is done without any rhyme or reason sometimes?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—"There is plenty of rhyme and reason in the classification. (Laughter.) The convicting court does the classification, and if there is any complaint about it the Government look into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Do you consider, or have you considered the question of doing away with this classification?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—"Yes, it is being considered."

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Development Board in the Province and its functions.

1 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Development Board has been formed in the Province;

(*b*) if so who constitute the Development Board; and

(*c*) what are its functions?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All Secretaries to Government except the Secretary, Legal Department, with the Chief Secretary to Government as Chairman of the Board.

(*c*) (i) To prepare for the consideration of Government an integrated Provincial Development Plan by endorsing, modifying or adjusting the plans of each individual department, or by putting forward proposals initiated by itself;

(ii) to transform the functional plans of each department into a territorial plan for each district; and

(iii) to keep a constant watch over the development plans of the departments and to control the progress of each district plan.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1946–47.

V. HAMEED SULTAN MARICAIR SAHIB BAHADUR :—"President, Sir, I congratulate the Premier on having introduced the budget within so short a time of his assuming office. I wish to point out that prohibition should be extended throughout the whole Province instead of introducing into eight districts only. By extending prohibition, the budget looks brighter. But there is no mention in the budget as to what steps are going to be taken to prevent strikes, which cause unrest in the country.